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SUBJ: STRUCTURED LABOR MISSION

REF: A. BEIRUT 3093 (NOTAL)

B. JIDDA 0725

1. FOLLOWING REVIEW OF STRUCTURED LABOR MISSION (SLM) AS PROPOSED, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES SLM IN PRESENT FORM LACKS SPECIFIC ORIENTATION TO PROBLEMS OF COUNTRIES ON SUGGESTED ITINERARY THAT ARE NECESSARY IF SLM IS TO HAVE ANY TRUE IMPACT, PARTICULARLY IN ARABIAN PENINSULA COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MORE RECEPTIVE TO " PROBLEM- ATTACK" TYPE OF MISSION.

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2. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT DISCUSSION OF LABOR, IMMIGRATION AND MANPOWER RESOURCES UTILIZATION ARE SENSITIVE SUBJECTS TO MAJORITY OF PENINSULA STATES, AND THAT IN VIEW THIS CONSTRAINT, SHORT TIME PROPOSED FOR SLM VISITS WOULD BE UNLIKELY ALLOW HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BUSINESSMEN AND LABOR OFFICIALS TO BE DRAWN OUT ON THEIR PROBLEMS TO SUFFICIENT DEGREE FOR SLM TO HELP FORMULATE SOLUTIONS. PROPOSED SLM PROGRAM FOLLOWED PATTERN OF PREVIOUS MISSIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF WORLD, PREDICATED ON IDEA THAT SLM OBJECTIVE WAS TO BE MEASURED LARGELY IN PUBLIC RELATIONS TERMS.

3. DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGES EXCELLENT JIDDA PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN REF B, DELINEATING NEEDS TO WHICH SLM SHOULD RESPOND.

4. DEPARTMENT RESERVING APPROVAL SLM UNTIL IT MORE RESPONSIVE POST NEEDS. GOLDEN AWARE REGIONAL LABATT' S COMMENTS REF A, RE POSTPONEMENT UNTIL FALL, WHICH MAY BE MORE PRACTICABLE IN VIEW GOLDEN' S OTHER COMMITMENTS.

5. REGIONAL LABATT WILL BE INFORMED WHEN SUITABLE REVISION SLM SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT. RUSH

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